



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.0. Weather conditions were drier this week in some locations; precipitation amounts were down from the previous week and temperatures were warmer. Farming activities for the week included preparing strawberry fields, making hay and harvesting tobacco, fruit, and corn for silage.

**SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/02/18**

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	9	17	69	5
Subsoil	9	14	74	3

- Represents zero.

**CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 09/02/18**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Grapes	-	6	31	63	-
Corn	2	4	22	65	7
Cotton	1	2	14	80	3
Hay, Alfalfa	-	6	34	57	3
Hay, Other	3	12	34	43	8
Peanuts	1	2	12	81	4
Soybeans	2	6	22	61	9
Pasture	3	8	25	49	15
Livestock	1	2	22	66	9

-Represents zero.

**CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/02/18**

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	55	45	54	-
Peaches harvested	88	80	92	86
Corn dough	95	93	95	-
Corn dented	84	76	86	78
Corn mature	54	33	52	43
Corn harvested for grain	11	2	19	-
Corn for silage harvested	56	39	63	55
Cotton setting bolls	98	95	99	99
Cotton bolls opening	25	15	18	20
Soybeans blooming	95	92	93	90

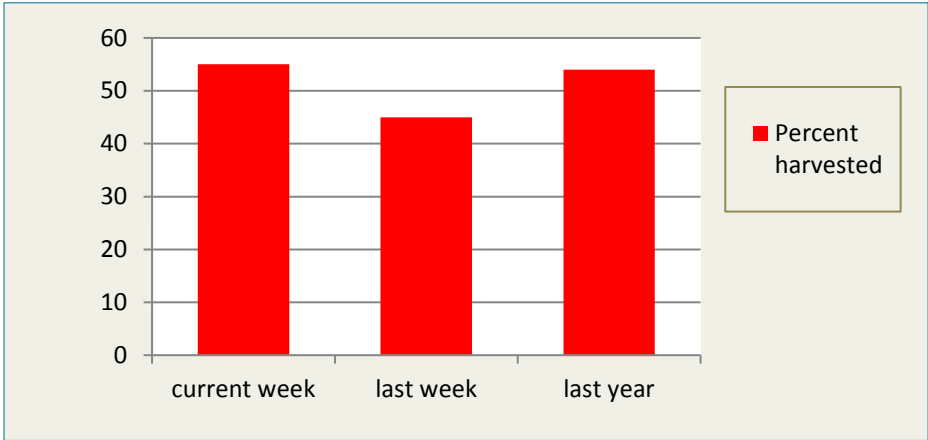
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/02/18

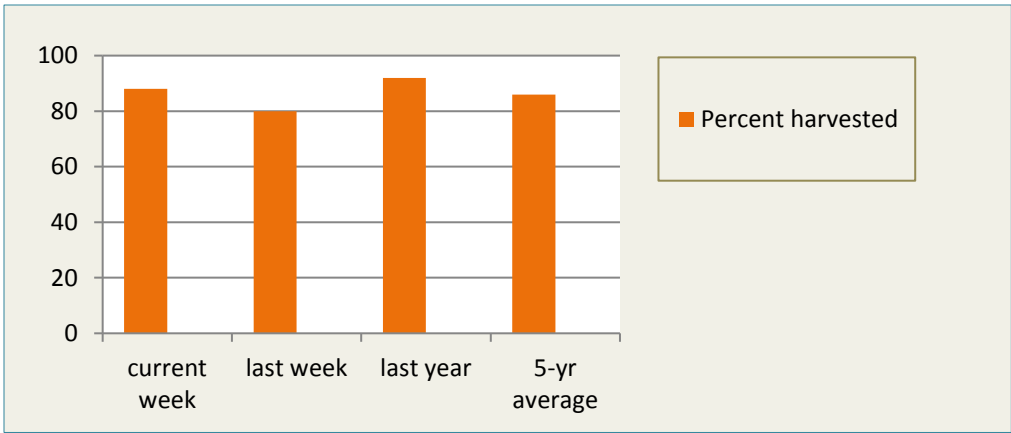
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Soybeans setting pods	81	70	77	73
Soybeans dropping leaves	2	-	4	-
Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested	58	48	50	48

- Represents data not available or zero.

APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 09/02/18



PEACHES HARVESTED for week ending 09/02/18



Weather Summary- For the week ending September 2, 2018

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Sep. 1	Mar. 1 to Sep. 1 norm	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	90	66	93	59	78	6	3293	3009	0.41	0.25	0.14	40.19	10.42
Norfolk	91	74	97	70	83	7	3772	3311	0.79	0.06	-0.07	42.57	10.33
Richmond	92	70	96	61	81	6	3598	3255	1.40	1.02	0.90	45.48	15.16
Roanoke	90	68	94	62	79	6	3409	NA	0.21	0.00	NA	37.51	7.98
Wash/Dulles	90	70	95	62	80	7	3170	NA	3.14	0.44	0.31	43.93	15.59

\* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

**REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY –** Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

NORTHERN

ROCKINGHAM (Doug Horn)

It was a hot week. Rainfall was widely scattered and highly variable. Rainfall amounts varied from less than 0.2 inches to 4.4 inches throughout the county. Corn silage harvest is underway in fields that the soil is dry enough.

**LOUDOUN (Jim Hilleary)**

The wet summer has been forgiving to overgrazed pastures, minimizing the grass and legume damage from excessive grazing pressure. The wet weather has been just as forgiving to pasture weeds; however, Japanese Stiltgrass, Jointhead Arthraxon, Foxtail, and Yellow Nutsedge are thriving. One reported occurrence of laminitis last week in two ponies pastured in the same field for several years without any previous problems.

**WESTERN**

**ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)**

This week in Rockbridge was seasonally hot and humid but dry, except for a line of thunderstorms Saturday that brought .5 to over 1 inch of rain to most of the county. Corn silage harvest was in its second week and a good bit of second or third cutting hay was mowed.

**BATH/HIGHLAND (John Benner)**

Wet weather persisted with several large storms. 3rd hay cutting good, except drying window still difficult with late afternoon storms. Corn silage harvest proceeding and good unless field was lower lying and persistently wet.

**CENTRAL**

**AMELIA (Laura Siegle)**

Conditions have been hot and mostly dry this week. Some producers have been making hay this week.

**CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)**

Due to lack of rain, the topsoil is getting dry.

**APPOMATTOX (Bruce Jones)**

Much of Appomattox received in excess of 1 inch rainfall on September 1. Much hay cutting is taking place and this week will also be busy with dark tobacco harvesting and curing.

**EASTERN**

**KING GEORGE (Mike Broaddus)**

Due to lack of rain, the topsoil is getting dry.

**SOUTHEASTERN**

**GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)**

Corn harvesting started this week. Scouting for peanut, soybean and cotton pests and diseases is ongoing as heat and humidity stay high.

**CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)**

Good week for cutting hay. Temperatures in the 90's have subsided into the high 80's this weekend. Corn harvest began this week with good yields reported for early corn. Minimal worm pest reported in soybeans thus far.

**VIRGINIA BEACH CITY (Roy D. Flanagan)**

Corn harvest is in full swing. Preparation of strawberry fields is also in high gear. With hit and miss showers over the weekend, about half of our acreage had plastic put down over the holiday weekend. Farms transplanting cole crops also made good progress getting those in and established.